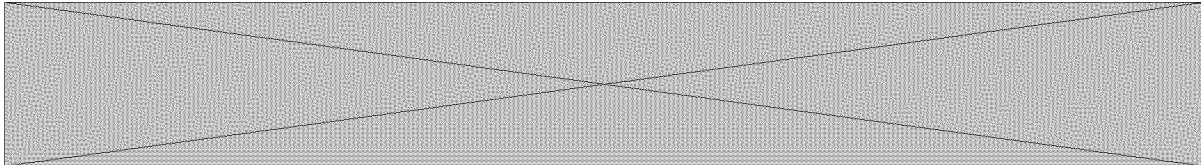


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## New England Energy News for April 22, 2016



If it's Friday it must be time for the weekly energy news. The big news this week was Kinder Morgan's decision to shelve the Northeast Direct Pipeline Project. Cited among the reasons for the decision were the bad economics (few capacity commitments) and low natural gas prices. The decision's effect has already caused the proponents of a new gas plant on the site of Vermont Yankee to stand down. It also has wind and hydro projects cheering now that some believe they will likely have a bigger role in the "combo platter." And MA Senate President Stan Rosenberg said utilities in Western MA need a "Plan B" for moratoriums on new gas connections.

In other news this week, RGGI funds in CT and NY are getting a closer look as concerns are raised about how they are being used and Gordon van Welie, CEO of ISO-NE talks with *Utility Drive* about a 'graceful transition' to grid decarbonization.

As always you will find many more stories at [neenergynews.com](http://neenergynews.com). Have a great weekend!!

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- [Kinder Morgan shelves \\$3 billion pipeline project](#), *The Boston Globe*
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- [Wind Energy Gets Connecticut Printer's Stamp Of Approval](#), *North American Windpower*
- [Maine passes bill to boost biomass industry](#), *Biomass Magazine*
- [Offshore wind better bet than hydro, \(opinion\)](#) *CommonWealth Magazine*
- [New energy study high on hydro, wind power](#), *Sentinel & Enterprise*

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- [Energy efficiency bill needs support, \*Foster's Daily Democrat\*](#)
- [Energy Efficiency: So Sensible, It Shines through Hyper-Partisanship, \*Natural Resources Defense Council\*](#)
- [Fuel Cells Will Power a Connecticut Community. Will They Work Elsewhere, \*Energy Manager Today\*](#)

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- [Entergy projecting big Vermont Yankee surplus after cleanup, \*VT Digger\*](#)
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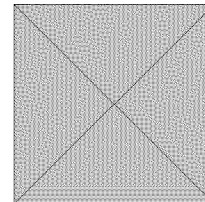
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- [Gov. Charlie Baker: Kinder Morgan suspension makes passage of energy bill more urgent, \*MassLive\*](#)
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- [New Hampshire co-op rolls out slate of peak management programs, \*Utility Drive\*](#)
- [Harvard Law School Group Pushes Virtual Power Plants in Massachusetts, \*Microgrid Knowledge\*](#)
- ['Graceful transition': ISO-NE's CEO on how wholesale markets can ease decarbonization, \*Utility Drive\*](#)
- [Column: Energy divide may lead to more, not less, price volatility, \*Gloucester Times\*](#)

## Energy Events

- [2016 New England Energy Conference and Exposition, Northeast Energy & Commerce Association, May 10-11, 2016, North Falmouth, MA](#)
- [New England Electricity Restructuring Roundtable, May 18, 2016, Boston, MA](#)

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